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PARRY & MUIR,

Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing,

BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, Etc., Etc.

Portage, Wis. *Week 4* 1891

Dear Mr. John

Your of Jan 13 was duly recd. & right glad was I to hear from you. It seems almost impossible for me to write letters to relations or friends because I have to write so many business letters. Glad to learn of the good health of yourself & family & I ~~am~~ partly imagine your increased responsibilities & cares. We are all well & squeezing along determined to succeed if strong will & constant application will do it.

Mother's health is good. Very much better than last winter. She goes out considerable & seems to be contented & happy & has plenty. Sarah's health is also very much improved in health during the last year. She has no

Money of my life. except what she
 earns. She boards Mother Annie
 Joanna & her three children &
 a young lady who attends school
 & receives sufficient therefrom to
 to get a living & her clothes. also
 Grace who helps her do housework
 Joanna did want to find other
 quarters but I persuaded her
 to try and live with Sarah
 for the sake of helping her
 They all live in my house
 for which I charge her no
 rent & keep telling her
 not to consider it a debt
 I guess Annie's money is all used
 she makes considerable money by
 selling fish scale jewelry to the
 ladies. Manufactured by a Miss Moore
 her health is very fair & Mother
 helps her when she is in need.
 Joanna is all right Walter
 sends her plenty of money
 so she pays her way in no stinted
 manner. Walter & his Bank
 has passed the crises & is making
 money with a bright prospect.

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as for John Reid & Maggie
 you know all about them.
 You wrote me to send them
 some money last year
 but we were very hard
 pushed & ourselves all of last
 year. The hardest I ever was.
 Ever since John Reid left Portage
 I have paid his life insurance
 for Maggie's sake in case anything
 might happen to him, which with
 some other things I paid for him
 amount to about \$1000.00 beside
 this when he wrote me in
 desperation in Dec 1889 I borrowed
 \$500.00 & sent it to him. I
 never could decide whether
 to charge this to you or not
 because you wrote me not
 to send money for the land but
 for Maggie's necessities

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So I'll leave that for you to
decide.

I think I've answered all of
your questions.

My three children & Grandson
also in law are all well
& prospering finely.
We have rented our other house
to Mrs. Minn's cousin; we board
within them & have all the
room we want & Mrs. Minn
works in the store with me.
We are getting things in better
shape increasing sales & if we
have no bad luck, & times im-
prove we hope to live through
it. - paying interest on a large
sum is what retards us
but we have excellent health
& are willing to work & do
when we can afford it we
intend to see Cal & all of
our friends. Our kindest regards
to yourself & family.

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Write soon again.

Affectionately your brother
D. G. Minn.